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I hope that the leading newspapers and periodicals of the country will as soon as possible set this outrageous grabbing-scheme clearly before the people, so that it may be finally and effectually crushed. Is it not astonishing that a nation that calls itself upright and enlightened should countenance this repeated effort to steal a precious

Brookline, Mass.

July 14, 1913.

Dear Mr. Mair,-

Your kind letter was most welcome, ^{although} ~~even~~ ^{of} the subject to which it refers is causing us all a great deal of anxiety. We are trying on this side of the country to do all we can to save the situation. Mr. Whitman made a heroic effort in Washington, against

great odds, and spoke four hours before the Committee on Public Lands. They had arrayed a strong force from various departments of the government to mislead public opinion by one-sided arguments. If anybody could stand up courageously against such opposition it was Mr. Whitman; but of course most of the members of the Committee had made up their

minds unalterably in advance. One or two, I understand, were impressed with Mr. Whitman's presentation of the case and I hope it may result in some good.

Mr. McFarland, I understand, was absent on account of illness. It is unfortunate there were not other societies and ~~representations~~ associations represented on our side.

dially to Colby and Parsons.
I hope when we all meet again
we may be able to congratulate
one another on the outcome of
this final contest.

I hope you are spending
contented days and preserving
your good health for the
sake of us all.

Faithfully yours,
G. Frederick Schwarz.

possession from all the
people, one of our loveliest
landscape gardens, necessary
for our future welfare and
growth as a nation? I am
thinking not only of the
healthfulness and the never-
fading pleasures that lie open
there ~~now~~ to anyone who will
accept of them, but of the
far-reaching ~~and certain~~ influence
that these godlike scenes un-

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questionably ^{would} have in building
the character of the nation,
in strengthening its moral
fiber, in broadening its
interest in life and deepening
its sympathies, enriching
it in every way, and in the
end guarding against that
growing danger under which we
all lie of being utterly cramped
and confined by the ever-increasing
hurry and complexity of life.

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We are sending out letters
to the most influential people
we can think of. During this
mid-summer season most
of the directors and members of the
S. P. N. P. (Eastern branch) are away.
Whitman and Chamberlain and
myself have had some informal
conferences, but my efforts and
work are so much less effective
than theirs.

Please remember me cor-